

## ***Wednesday Weekly***

*(A weekly update on agriculture education from the Department of Public Instruction)*

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### **Keith Eccarius on Temporary Assignment**

Keith Eccarius has been asked to take on a special project for six months. Keith is responsible for centralizing the accounting functions for all six student organizations. This will involve streamlining and standardizing processes, putting standard procedures in place across all six organizations, and actually performing the accounting functions for all six organizations. Keith's time will now be split as follows: 50% Business Office working on the special project, and 50% on his other responsibilities, including AgEd and FFA.

### **Supplemental Rosters**

Now that the deadline has passed for submitting supplemental rosters, don't forget to send in payment for the members you've added. Rosters cannot be sent to National FFA until payment is received. As a reminder:

- Payment must be made payable to "Wisconsin Association of FFA", not the FFA Center, not DPI, not Keith Eccarius (thanks but no thanks.) I've had problems with our bank when trying to deposit some payments made out incorrectly.
- The mailing address for payment is on the Totals page that needs to be printed, signed and returned with payment.

Mail to: Wisconsin Association of FFA  
Attention: Keith Eccarius  
125 S. Webster Street  
PO Box 7841  
Madison, WI 53707-7841

### **Future of Farming Announces Forum Schedule**

The Future of Farming and Rural Life in Wisconsin, project of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, is pleased to announce its 2006 Forum Schedule. Attached is the forum schedule.

The forums are free and open to all (participants pay for their lunch) and the broadest possible range of perspectives is invited to inform as well as be informed by the project.

Go to this website to learn more about this event. <http://www.wisconsinacademy.org/idea/index.html>

**We are looking for FFA Advisors and FFA members to attend these forums and showcase our FFA Entrepreneurships. FFA Advisors located near one of the forums, if you have an FFA member that would like to showcase their SAE program please let Jeff Hicken know.**

Attached you will find the first flyer of the six forums, which will be held Tuesday, May 23 at UW-Stout. Please look it over and go to the website to register.

### **Indiana University's: Center for the Study of Global Change**

#### **International Agricultural Education Summer Institute**

#### **July 9-16, 2006**

The Center for the Study of Global Change at Indiana University and International Studies Programs at the Universities of Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, with the support of Agriculture Education Specialists from Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, are pleased to announce a residential, one-week Summer Institute on International Agriculture and Global Food Security.

The objective of this program is to introduce critical international agriculture issues to high school agriculture teachers and university Agricultural Education majors. Information is provided on a wide range of global agricultural issues, including best practices for incorporating them into the curriculum, through lectures, panels, small group discussions, videoconferences with presenters around the world, and cultural events. The program addresses such major themes as the state of the world's water supply, the role of food in international security, and the relationship between agriculture and alternative energies, among others. Dr. James Graham, Professor of Agricultural Education at University of Wisconsin-River Falls, will be the Faculty Leader of IAESI 2006.

The cost of the Institute is \$400, which includes room, board, and program fees. Partial scholarships may be forthcoming - please check the website. Every institute participant will receive certification for Professional Growth Points. Optional graduate credit is available to all participants at "in-state" cost per credit hour - participants may enroll (at the institute) in Education W505 "International Agricultural Education" (1-3 graduate credits).

Visit <http://www.indiana.edu/~global/iaeinstitute.php> for online application and further details.

### **Web site for Wisconsin Ag Ed vacancies:**

<http://www.wisconsin.gov/state/app/employment?COMMAND=gov.wi.state.cpp.job.command.LoadSeekerHome>

### **2006 American Nursery and Landscape Association Grant Application**

NAAE is pleased to announce the continuation of the **American Nursery and Landscape Association "Enhancing Nursery and Landscape Instruction"** Grant Program.

The objective of this grant program is to build outstanding instructional programs that prepare students to enter nursery and landscape related careers and/or higher education in areas related to nursery/landscape.

NAAE will accept NAAE/ANLA Enhancing Nursery and Landscape Instruction Grant proposals from teachers/instructors at any secondary school and two-year postsecondary institution who are active members or active life members of NAAE.

The postmark deadline for submitting applications to the NAAE office is **May 15, 2006**.

Application details are attached in Word and PDF formats and can also be downloaded from the NAAE website at <http://www.naae.org/awards/applications/index.html>.

Please feel free to contact the NAAE office if you have any questions.

**WAAE PSA Contest Information Available - Entries Due 05/15/06**

The WAAE PSA contest information for this year is now available

Your students/chapter can receive \$250 for the winning PSA

Click on the link below for more information

<http://www.waae.com/PSA%20Announcement1.doc>

***That's all for this week from your DPI Staff:***

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